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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT: GAZA NSF COMMANDER JAMAL
KAYYAD

CLASSIFIED BY: CONSUL GENERAL JAKE WALLS, FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

11. (C) BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG) JAMAL M M KAYYAD (SPELLED
"KAIED" ON HIS PA TRAVEL DOCUMENT) IS COMMANDER OF NATIONAL
SECURITY FORCES (NSF) FOR GAZA. PERSONAL DATA AND
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOLLOWS.

12. (C) PERSONAL. DPOB: SAIDA, LEBANON, 19 JULY 1958.
MARRIED TO HUSUN M HAMAD. RESIDES IN GAZA CITY. WORKING
PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH BUT MORE COMFORTABLE IN ARABIC. HE IS
A MEMBER OF THE FATAH MOVEMENT.

13. (C) EDUCATION. AS AN OFFICER IN THE PALESTINIAN
LIBERATION ARMY (PLA), KAYYAD ATTENDED NAVAL OFFICER TRAINING
IN PAKISTAN AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE COLLEGE IN INDIA
IN THE 1980S. HE PARTICIPATED IN AN IVLP ON "SECURITY ISSUES
IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" IN THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER 2005.

14. (C) PROFESSIONAL. KAYYAD WAS APPOINTED NSF COMMANDER FOR
GAZA IN JANUARY 2007. PRESIDENT MAHMUD ABBAS (ABU MAZEN)
PRAISED KAYYAD FOR AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE OF NSF AND PRESIDENTIAL
FACILITIES AGAINST HAMAS ATTACKS DURING MAY 2007 CLASHES IN
GAZA AND FAVORABLY CONTRASTED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NSF IN
GAZA UNDER KAYYAD WITH THE NSF'S LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE IN
DECEMBER 2006-JANUARY 2007 CLASHES. KAYYAD SERVED AS DEPUTY
GAZA NSF COMMANDER AND COMMANDER FOR SOUTHERN GAZA UNDER
SULAYMAN HILLIS, INCLUDING DURING ISRAEL'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM
GAZA IN AUGUST 2005. HIS HOUSE WAS ATTACKED BY A POPULAR
RESISTANCE COMMITTEES (PRCS) CELL IN AUGUST 2005, BUT NEITHER
HE NOR HIS FAMILY WERE HARMED. WHILE CRITICAL OF ISRAELI
ACTIONS AND POLICIES IN MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS, HE
COORDINATED EXTENSIVELY WITH IDF COMMANDERS DURING
PREPARATIONS FOR AND EXECUTION OF ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT FROM
GAZA. KAYYAD WAS A SUBORDINATE NSF COMMANDER UNDER FORMER
GAZA NSF CHIEFS MUSA ARAFAT AND ABD AL-RAZAQ MUJAYDAH.
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